

dilemmas that have confronted Program Management Offices and Program Executive Offices or can be expected to confront them.

- The source of these dilemmas has been and will continue to be the result of extensive visits to, and interviews with program personnel during which they identify the dilemma(s) they have personally encountered.
- The method of course content delivery will be primarily the case study. Each case study will be designed and developed around a dilemma generated by the field, e.g., the Program Management Office. The cases will emulate reality as perceived by the people who actually successfully or unsuccessfully coped with the issue.
- The selection of the "Core Faculty" has been completed. Each faculty member was specially selected based on a proven track record of outstanding performance as a professor at DSMC; a volunteer; willingness to undertake

the rigorous task of new course development; and successful completion of hands-on training in case design, development, and presentation.

- Learners will be especially selected from the individual Services, based on their demonstrated outstanding performance and their potential as candidates for senior program management assignments. They must be GS-14/0-5 and above and be Level III-certified in the Program Management Career Field.

Given the continued dedication, determination, and support of DSMC and DAU leadership; and the energy, experience, and knowledge of the course development team; there now exists an opportunity that "Fulfilling the Promise" is more than a promise.

Editor's Note: Hirsch welcomes questions or comments on this article. Contact him at Ed.Hirsch@dau.mil.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The 2001 Acquisition Research Symposium (ARS), originally scheduled for June 18-20, 2001, in Rockville, Md., has been postponed so that major policy changes in the new administration can be addressed. We will be updating the DAU Home Page (www.dau.mil) as information becomes available.

WEB-ENABLED COURSES FOR DEFENSE INDUSTRY STUDENTS

In fiscal 2000, the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) developed a plan to offer all Web-enabled (online) courses to students who work for corporations in the Defense Industry. The program began at the start of the new fiscal year in October 2000.

A nominal tuition fee will be charged to students for the online courses. This key feature of the program should encourage defense industry students to enroll in the courses, thereby building upon and enhancing the skills of the Defense Industry professional acquisition workforce. Students will find application for enrollment very easy, since the program

will use the same online application form that is currently used by industry students who apply for DAU resident courses — available at:

http://www.dsmc.dsm.mil/registrar/industry_applic.htm

The following courses are available to industry students online:

- Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management (ACQ 101)
- Fundamentals of Earned Value Management (BCF 102)
- Basic Information Systems Acquisition (IRM 101)

- Basic Software Acquisition Management (SAM 201)
- Acquisition Business Management (BCF 211)
- Simplified Acquisition Procedures (CON 237)
- Acquisition Logistics Fundamentals (LOG 101)
- Introduction to Acquisition Workforce Test and Evaluation (TST 101)

DAU has put together a high-quality program, and the University is confident the program not only has long-term growth potential, but will also be of great benefit to the Defense Industry as well as the students.

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